

# HOLY NIGHTS 2017-18

Anthroposophical Society – Greater Washington DC Branch  
The Branch Festivals Group

## Midwinter: Christ as the Balance between Lucifer and Ahriman



At the time of the ancient mysteries, human beings felt the cold, threatening forces of the earth in Midwinter, and they were warned to beware of the temptation of evil. It was at this time of year, of greatest temptation, that the birth of Jesus occurred, bringing a completely new possibility for humanity. Rudolf Steiner advises us, "If we are to acquire insight into the nature and evolution of humanity, we must be constantly mindful of the power and influence of Lucifer, of Christ, and of Ahriman."

How can we bring this mindfulness to birth within us? Through our Holy Nights lectures, we will strive to awaken our consciousness of the forces of Lucifer and Ahriman, with the human being, through Christ, holding them in equipoise. Of further note — these lectures will provide background for a talk by Herbert Hagens in January on the role of the Luciferic and Ahrimanic forces in the *Calendar of the Soul*.

## 2017-18 Holy Nights Celebration and Readings

Our three Holy Nights evenings of reading and conversation will start at 7:30 p.m. and end by 9:00 p.m. Reading the lecture beforehand is encouraged.

A link to the lecture for each evening is given below – click on the underlined date. If you have difficulty accessing the lectures, please contact Nancy Foster at 202-829-2909.



**Saturday, December 30:** RSVP (and request directions if needed): Cecelia and Peter Karpoff: 301-622-0231

- “The Relationship of Ahrimanic and Luciferic Beings to the Normally Evolved Hierarchies” — [Oct. 4, 1918](#)

**Monday, January 1:** RSVP (and request directions if needed): Jody Grossman: 301-320-7357

- *The Influences of Lucifer and Ahriman*, Lecture 2 — [Nov. 2, 1919, Dornach](#)

**Wednesday, January 3:** RSVP (and request directions if needed): Nancy and Bill Foster: 202-829-2909

- “Christ, Ahriman and Lucifer in Relationship to the Human Being” — [May 7, 1923, Dornach](#)